

Hawaii MARINE SPORTS

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Special Olympic athletes were able to meet and talk with runners who participated in the Olympic Torch Run after its completion at Rainbow Stadium, including Penina Leo, a Special Olympic athlete who carried a traditional Olympic torch with a volunteer runner after the race.

Marines lead the way in Olympic run

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HONOLULU — In October of 1987, a Honolulu Police Officer who had an eye for crime and a heart for those who participate in the Special Olympics, was killed in the line of duty.

This police officer's name was Troy Barboza.

Marines from Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, participated in the Troy Barboza Special Olympics Torch Run in Waikiki May 30 to raise funds to support future Special

Olympic events for the residents of Hawaii.

The Marines, wearing the "boots and uts" uniform, began the run with representatives from all branches of the Armed Forces and law enforcement representatives at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki and continued down the "main strip" as law enforcement officers shut down the streets to thru traffic. The runners then turned left on Kapahulu St. by the Honolulu Zoo. It ended at the Aloha Stadium where hundreds of Special Olympic athletes were able to cheer on the runners who came to

support them.

The registration fee for the run was \$20 and the runners were given a T-shirt along with the satisfaction of knowing they were supporting a great cause. In last year's run, more than \$80,000 was raised to provide funding for the Special Olympic Games across the world.

"I believe the Marines were eager to support the athletes," said Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Whelan, training chief for the Military Police Co., MCB Hawaii. Whelan was activated for 90 days from his

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Marines from Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii, were eager to help Special Olympic athletes recognize and achieve their dreams by participating in the Troy Barboza Olympic Torch Run in Waikiki May 30.

MCBH Surf Competition swells North Beach



Staff Sgt. Jesus Lora

Close-outs were aggressive and the norm at North Beach, yet John Kauffman takes a line left, and then a quick right, slapping the wave and sending it home to the shore.

SSgt. Jesus A. Lora
Training/Operations Chief

A powerful North Shore swell blasted Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's North Beach Saturday, producing 3-8 foot waves for more than 25 surfers at the 2nd Annual Surfers Competition sponsored by 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

The morning was greeted with bright skies that gave North Beach miles and miles of crystal blue waters that sparkled to the distant horizon.

A beach clean up from volunteers who entered the competition kicked off the surfers "Endless Summer."

"What we hoped to accomplish was a way to honor the sport of surfing and showcase

the many members of our community that enjoy the sport," said Robert Castellvi, battalion commander for 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. I have been awed by the skill of our surfers and thought this competition would serve as an outlet for their expression, and instill added respect among our community. The idea of cleaning the beach before the competition was a way to show the respect for a clean environment that surfers share.

"Nobody cares more about our beaches than those who cherish it for their recreational activities," added Castellvi. "Surfers give back as much as they get from their use of our beaches and are among the strongest proponents of the environment."

The surfers walked up and down North Beach picking up trash and other debris that floated in from storms and high tides.

Meanwhile, waves crashed and thundered the shoreline, glittering the air with the ocean's spray that seemed to tease the surfers awaiting the upcoming challenge.

Promptly at 10 a.m., color-coded rash guards were issued to the surfers, board wax was applied, and courage heightened.

The first heat was in the shortboard category. The four surfers paddled out and struggled with the white wash of the incoming swells. Some competitors had trouble getting into position, but once in place they surfed some re-

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BASE SPORTS

Edward Hanlon V MCCS Marketing

Semper Fit Center Hosts Teen Fit Program Tuesday

There will be four groups of six patrons ages 12-18; all patrons who are interested should register now.

The program fee of \$50 includes: personal training by a certified trainer on cardio and strength equipment, sports conditioning, fitness testing, racquetball, cardio kick boxing, volleyball instruction, strength training techniques and a membership card and certificate upon completion of the course.

For more information, call 254-7597.

MCCS Aquatics Begins Jr. Lifeguard Classes Tuesday.

The class goes every Tuesday and Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

It gives youth a productive way to spend part of the summer with Summer Jr. Lifeguard classes offered by certified Marine Corps Community Services personnel. Youth ages

9 to 17 are welcome to attend. To get involved, call 254-7665.

Marina Offers Sailing Lessons

The base marina is now offering introductory lessons for sailing.

Upon completion of the five-class course, patrons will be able to put their skills to work with one of the numerous sailboats on hand at the base marina.

The classes are designed for patrons who work during the day, and are offered from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Costs range from \$69 to \$99, depending on pay-grade.

Call 254-7667 for more information.

Intramural Leagues Battle

The Intramural Sports Teams are still battling every week to decide who’s best. Softball goes every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6, 7, and 8 p.m. at the Annex or Risley field.

Intramural volleyball goes every Thursday and Friday starting at 6 and 7 p.m.

Intramural 30 and over basket-

ball goes every Monday and Thursday at 6 and 7 p.m.

For more information on either softball, basketball or volleyball, call 254-7591, or 447-0498 at Camp H.M. Smith.

Marina Offers Equipment and Rentals

Spring into water sports at the base marina. Enjoy a day of sailing and sightseeing in one of its sailboats, powerboats — or for larger parties — one of the pontoon boats.

Rentals are available for sailing, water skiing, fishing, kayaking and windsurfing.

Sailing classes are taught year-round for every skill level and for boat owners.

Two boat launch ramps are provided, as well as boat storage at the marina pier.

Everyone can enjoy a day by the bay at the base marina.

For more information on the marina’s equipment rentals, call 254-7667.

Adventure Training Makes PT Fun

“Adventure Training” is de-

signed to promote unit cohesiveness and enhance confidence in the water. It is a fun alternative to regular unit workouts.

Learn different water sports and conduct PT at the same time.

Classes are offered in scuba, kayaking, power boating and water skiing, at no charge to all MCB Hawaii units.

Training noncommisioned and staff noncommissioned officers should call 254-7667 for more information on adventure training.

Water Aerobics Makes Waves at Base Pool

For a change of pace, enjoy exercise with Water Aerobics offered at the base pool. At only \$2 per class, it’s a cost-effective exercise program. Or, buy a book of 10 class coupons for only \$15.

Classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m., or Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

To get more information on aqua aerobics, or any of the other classes offered, call the base pool at 254-7655.

Massage Away Pain with Semper Fit

Massage therapy by certified massage therapists is now available aboard MCB Hawaii.

The massage therapy program will help relieve mental and physical fatigue, improve overall circulation and body tone.

For more information, or to make an appointment to massage your pain away, call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597, or 477-5197 at Camp H.M. Smith.

Paintball Takes Aim

Let your “inner-predator” come out to play. Spend a day practicing your combat skills with Paintball Hawaii.

The paintball field is open Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sundays, Noon - 5 p.m.

For individual play, the cost is \$40 per person and includes all rental equipment and 400 rounds. For unit training, the cost is \$20 per person.

To find out more or to take aim during paintball, call 265-4283.

SPORTS AROUND THE CORPS

Marines, Okinawans ‘take it to the mat’

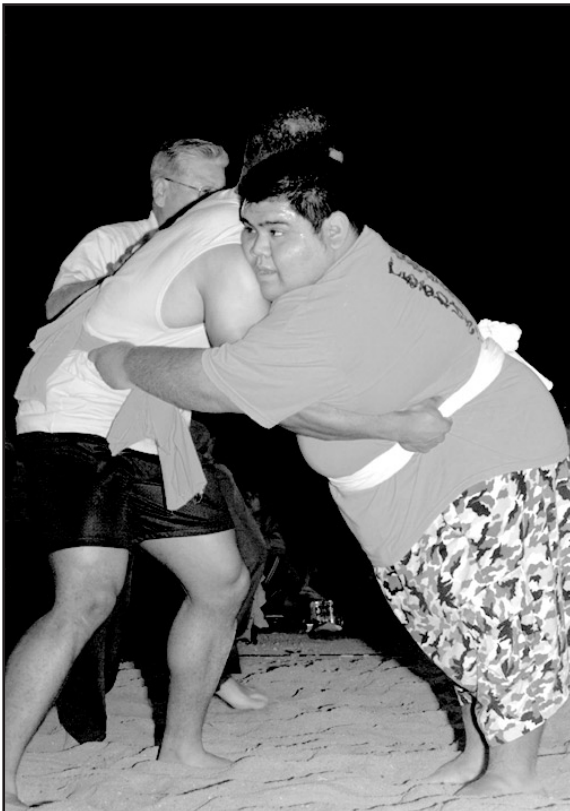
Sgt. Daniel L. Patterson
Okinawa, Japan

HENOKO, Okinawa, Japan — Christopher M. Johnson, an infantryman for I Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, is no stranger to the wrestling mat. As a high school wrestler, he always placed in the top 20 for his area and went to the state competitions twice. Since he missed his wrestling days in Bedford, Ohio, he recently took part in the Okinawa Sumo Wrestling Tournament. “I never in my wildest dream would think that I would have the chance to sumo wrestle,” Johnson claimed. “I missed wrestling and wanted to try something new.” Each year, the city of Henoko holds the Annual Okinawa Sumo Wrestling Tournament at Mae-no-Hama Beach one day prior to the Annual Dragon Boat races in Henoko. Okinawa sumo is somewhat different to the traditional sumo wrestling seen

on television. Okinawa sumo is a combination of American wrestling and traditional Japanese sumo and judo. It is not known when the tournaments began, but it is believed that the tournaments have been taking place for thousands of years. The rules for the tournament are simple. Two wrestlers stand up and hold each other’s belt. The wrestlers had to use a combination of moves and force to place the opponent’s back on the Dohyou (ground of the sumo ring), to receive a point. The first wrestler with two points won the match. Striking with fists, hair pulling, eye gouging and kicking in the stomach and chest are prohibited. According to Johnson, the tournament was a good way for the military community to get involved. “It shows that we want to participate and bond with the community,” Johnson explained. “They were very easy to get along with.” The tournament started with a children’s competition. During the children’s matches, the first female in the

history of the tournaments competed and won one of the matches. Next up were the adult friendship matches. The matches provided a lot of competition among the participants. The tournament hosted the Henoko-Schwab Friendship matches between the Henoko adults and the Marines. The Marines won four out of five matches. One highlight during the friendship matches was when Maurice Smith, a combat engineer for Combat Engineer Company, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, wrestled against Masakazu Tokuda, a 19-year-old Henoko resident. Tokuda, weighing 280 pounds, placed third in the High School Japanese Sumo Wrestling National Competition before graduating. “I was nervous, especially when they announced his accomplishments, but then I realized he was a regular person, and I am a U.S. Marine,” Smith said.

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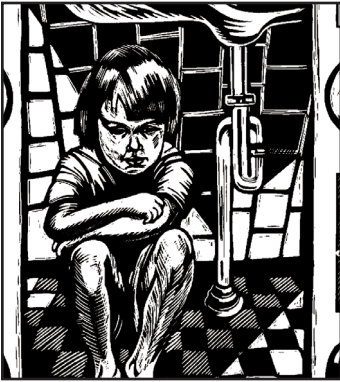
Maurice Smith, a combat engineer for Combat Assault Bn., 3rd Marine Division, and Masakazu Tokuda, a 19-year-old Okinawan man, compete in a grueling match.

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reserve unit in Buffalo, N.Y., where he is a law enforcement officer. “I believe that athletes with special needs should have a chance to achieve and accomplish their dreams just like anyone else. The Marines that participated were eager to do so, and they got plenty of satisfaction out of knowing they supported such a great cause.”

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After a fierce battle between the competitors, Smith hailed victorious. He lost the first round but won the final two rounds against Tokuda. After the match was over, the two competitors showed their sportsmanship and shook hands before bowing to each other and distinguished guests. Smith was happy when the match was over, and said he had a lot more respect for sumo wrestling after the grueling match. Although no Marines won the competition in the championship matches, they enjoyed the event.



SURE, From A-1

markable waves. The majority of the waves were abnormal for this time of year, and haven’t been this size in several months. The conditions of the surf gave the surfers great rides and really intense challenges, as they used every part of the wave to perform some remarkable tricks. “It was an awesome swell that produced lefts and rights,” said Mitchell Mitchrash, maintenance manager, Head Quarters Co., 3rd Marine Regiment. “I really had a great time out there with this swell.” The Hawaiian sun gave spectators bright sunshine and added to the magic of this surfer’s paradise. Different heats from

body boarders to long-boarders tackled the surf and gave their all to score points and have fun. The judges had their job cut out for them, scoring the competitors for style, length of the ride, difficulty of the wave and best three out of 10 waves ridden. “We are called the local Kailua Boys,” said Steve Jenkins, Ahuimanu schoolteacher. Myself, Dan Gauen, and Gordon Hansen judged today’s surf competition. Between us three we have more than 100 years of experience with surfing. We support the base by being part of events like this one and seeing first hand the military and civilians enjoy what we have grown to love surfing.” With more than eight heats the semi-finals

were finally added up, and opened the front door for the finals. Some extraordinary surfing was displayed in the finals, seemingly with no regard to fear. A few surfers made some serious cut backs with elevator drops and unforeseen closeouts. No matter what the choice of weapon (surfboard) was, every competitor made the most of each wave. Unfortunately, all surfers were not as lucky. Armed with a 10-foot red-stripped squirrel-fin longboard, a Marine from MCB Hawaii took off on an 8-foot wave and wiped out massively. He managed to take off but failed to make the drop; his pride was hurt — but he had the courage to stick with it and finish the 20-minute heat. He came in dead last.